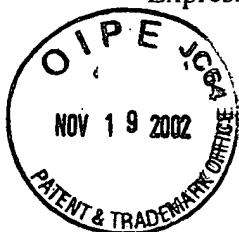


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In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims that belong to Group I, i.e., Claims 1-12.

The requirement for election is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II clearly are related. Applicant submits that a thorough search and examination of any Group would be relevant to the examination of the other Group and would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C.

Further, the Office Action has not shown the claims of Group I and the claims of Group II are patentably distinct in accordance with MPEP §806.05(e). Particularly, the Office Action has not shown that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. Specifically, the Office Action suggests at page 2 that the "apparatus can be used as a jet pump in a non-nuclear facility, i.e., a petroleum refinery." Applicant respectfully submits that the Office Action has not supplied a materially different process in which the apparatus can be used. Particularly, Applicant submits that the Office Action has not supplied

any process because the assertion that "the apparatus can be used as a jet pump" is not a description of a process. Also, the apparatus recited in the method claims of Group II (Claims 13-19) is a wedge apparatus that is used to repair a jet pump. Applicant submits that the wedge apparatus recited in method Claims 13-19 can not be used as a jet pump in a petroleum refinery. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 695.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

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- (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
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____ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$135 = \$	+ \$270 = \$
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- (c) No additional fee for Claims is required.

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- (d) _____ Total additional fee for claims required \$_____

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5. _____ Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____.

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